

Narrative writing: minimum standard practice writing test

Sample question

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- structure and sequence of ideas
- control of language



Look at the image to the left.

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Scaffold for sample question

This question is asking you to write a **narrative** (creative writing) **text**. When you write a narrative, you must think about the characters and where they are, the complication or the problem to be solved and how the story will end. It is important that you plan the story before you start. Choose your words carefully, write in full sentences and pay attention to your spelling, punctuation and paragraphs. You might like to look at the graph about the structure of a narrative to plan your storyline.

Vocabulary related to signs:

signal, symbol, forewarning, foreboding, caution, foreshadowing, dead end, uncertainty, warning, danger, obstruction, penalty, law

Some ideas to consider:

- A young boy wants to find good luck and comes upon a confusing sign. Where can he go?
- A young girl is walking along a road and sees a sign that says 'do not read this sign.' Will she get in trouble? From whom? What will happen?
- An old man in hiking in the forest and comes upon the sign 'dead end, no access to lighthouse' but this was where he was planning to go. What will he do?

Other ideas:

- e).....
- f).....

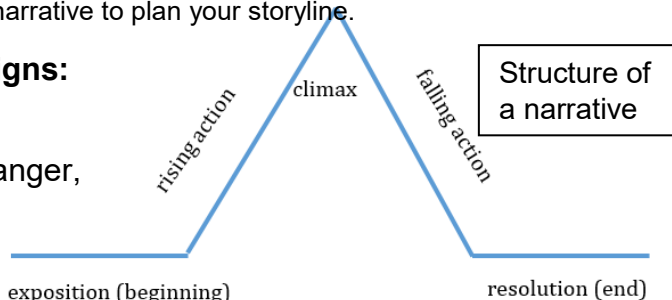
Sentence starters:

Each paragraph should build on the narrative (story), moving in chronological order from beginning to end.

- As the young boy walked along the deserted (empty) road, he saw...
- The young girl turned the corner of a winding path...
- The old man had been hiking for what seemed like forever. He wondered...

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